

# United States Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida 400 W. Washington Street, Suite 5100 Orlando, Florida 32801



### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position:** Temporary Judicial Law Clerk(s) **Date:** August 18, 2014 **Location:** Tampa, Florida **Announcement No.** 14-07

**Starting Salary:** \$57,982 – 67,646\* **Open Until Filled** 

JSP 11/1 – 11/6\* **Position Available:** October 1, 2014

#### **Position Overview**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida is seeking applicants for three Temporary Law Clerk positions. These positions are shared positions supporting nine judges in Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa. Duties include researching a variety of legal issues, attending trials and other court proceedings, drafting opinions, screening motions, and preparing routine orders. The caseload in the jurisdiction is heavy. These are one year positions subject to continued funding; the Court anticipates full funding through September 30, 2015.

## The duty station for all positions is Tampa.

#### **Minimum Qualifications**

Applicants must be a law school graduate at the time of appointment; possess excellent research, writing, and proofreading skills. PC proficiency in Windows, MS Office, Excel, Westlaw, and LEXIS is required. Applicants must be admitted to practice law in at least one state. Applicants must have a substantive familiarity with bankruptcy law and a solid commercial law base. Experience on the editorial board of law review or moot court/and or publication of noteworthy articles is desired. The successful candidate should be responsible, possess excellent organizational, administrative and interpersonal skills, be a self-starter, maintain a professional demeanor at all times, be able to work harmoniously with others and communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

### **Application and Selection Procedures**

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a cover letter, current resume, salary history, law school transcript, and writing sample that has not been edited by anyone other than the applicant. Applicants must apply electronically through OSCAR at <a href="https://www.oscar.uscourts.gov">www.oscar.uscourts.gov</a>, Michael G. Williamson, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge. The cover letter, resume and writing sample must be in pdf format and can be uploaded in OSCSAR. First consideration will be given to applicants who apply on or before September 5, 2014

Interviews will be scheduled after the closing date of the announcement. The best-qualified applicants will be invited for interviews. Applicants selected for interviews must pay all travel expenses.

#### **Information for Applicants**

- Starting salary is commensurate with prior experience as a law clerk to a federal judge; starting salary cannot exceed \$67,646.00.
- The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, or to withdraw the announcement, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice.
- The final candidate will be required to undergo an FBI criminal background check. Appointment to this position is provisional, contingent upon a background check, and retention depends upon a favorable suitability determination after a background check has been concluded.
- All information provided by applicants is subject to verification. Applicants are advised that false statements or omissions of information on any application materials or the inability to meet employment conditions may be grounds for non-selection, withdrawal of an offer of employment or dismissal after being employed.
- All court employees are "at will" employees and, therefore, the appointee may be removed from this position at any time if, after reasonable on-the-job training, the appointee fails to perform at a satisfactory level.
- All applications will be screened to identify the best qualified candidate. Only qualified applicants
  will be considered. Applicants selected for interviews must pay all travel expenses and relocation
  expenses will not be provided. We will only make contact with those qualified applicants who will
  be invited for an interview.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States of America or be eligible to work in the United States.
- This position is subject to mandatory electronic fund transfer participation for payment of net pay.
- No telephone calls, facsimiles, or e-mails please.

#### **Employee Benefits**

The United States Bankruptcy Court is part of the Judicial Branch of the United States Government. Court employees are <u>not</u> included in the Government's Civil Service classification. They are, however, entitled to similar benefits as other federal employees.

- Choice of health benefit plans
- Participation in a group life insurance program
- Participation in a group long-term disability insurance program
- Participation in a long-term care program
- Ten paid holidays per year